

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Confirmation No.:	2673
Luo <i>et al.</i>	Art Unit:	2851
Appl. No.: 10/679,324	Examiner:	Whitesell Gordon, Steven H.
Filed: October 7, 2003	Atty. Docket:	1857.2110000
For: Method and System for Active Purging of Pellicle Volumes		

Reply to Requirement For Election of Species

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 18, 2008, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species A. Claims 1-17 and 23-33 read on such species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any

fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account
No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Featherstone", written over the printed name.

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